(d) Total No. of employees Zonewise is as under:—

Central Rly.	224676
Eastern Rly.	205398
Northern Rly.	252225
North Eastern Rly.	101370
Northeast Frontier Rly.	80332
Southern Rly.	134301
South Central Rly.	127573
South Eastern Rly.	190533
Western Rly.	190799

Derailment of Goods Train Between Nellore and Vedayapalem

2988. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Wil1 the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a derailment of a goods train between Nellore and Vedayapalem on the South Central Railway recently;

(b) if so, the reasons for this derailment;

(c) the speed of the goods train at the time of accident;

(d) whether any derailments occurred on this section during the last three years;

(e) if so, the details of such derailments and the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether any safety measures have since been initiated by the South Central Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The derailment took place due to seizure of roller bearing of wagon.

(c) The speed of train at the time of accident was 40 kilometres per hour.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Following safety measures have been initiated by South Central Railway to reduce derailments:—

(i) Carriage and wagon examination of rolling stock has been strengthened and rationalised.

(ii) To prevent cases of cold breakage of axles, ROH Depots have been equipped with ultrasonic testing equipment for detection of flaws in the axles.

(iii) Performance of the staff connected with train operation is being constantly monitored and those found deficient are sent for crash training.

(iv) Maintenance facilities for coaches and wagons have been modernised and upgraded at many depots.

(v) Safety drives are conducted to inculcate safety consciousness among the staff.

(vi) Punitive action is taken against staff found negligent in duty, leading to accidents.

Computerised rail reservation facility at important railway stations and towns

2989. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS: be pleased to state:

(a) whether Computerised Railway reservation facility has been provided at all important railway stations of the country;

(b) if so, the names of such stations, State and Union territory-wise;

(c) whether computerised reservation facility has also been provided in all important towns of the country;

(d) if so, the names of such towns, State and Union territory-wise;

(e) whether Government propose to provide this facility in all important towns and at all important railway stations of Andhra Pradesh in 1997-98; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?